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HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED£750,000
PAID-UP£ 600,000

BANKERS:
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INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

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J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND£325,000

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
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" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$ 5,750,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS...$10,000,000

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [31

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1895, on or before the 31st instant, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting General Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [430

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1895, in order that the distribution of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March, instant, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1896. [456

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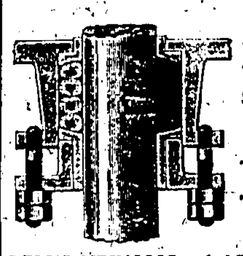
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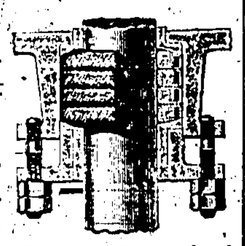
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W. JACKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1896. [30

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY.

SALE

WILL BE CONTINUED DURING THIS WEEK.

GREAT BARGAINS IN

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [521



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CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1896. 39

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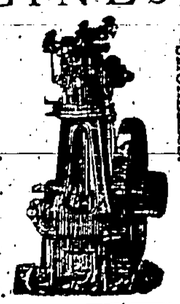
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1896. [33

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J. TATAM,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1895. [49

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For price and terms, apply to
THE MANAGER.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1896. [1910

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN, &c.	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 25th March	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON, &c.	*Rosetta*	G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	Noon, 26th Mar.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN, &c.	*Verona*	C. H. S. Tucque, R.N.R.	Noon, 27th Mar.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONLON	*Formosa*	E. P. Bishop	About 6th April	Freight or Passage

For Further Particulars, apply to
ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1896. [431



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GANDE PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [420

MEALS

MONTHLY RATES FOR AT H.K. HOTEL

BREAKFAST	$12.00
TIFFIN	15.00
DINNER	20.00
ALL 3 MEALS	42.50

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
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CRANE'S CYLINDER OIL.
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PARAGON PATENT PACKING.
ROPE, CANVAS, &c.
HUBBUCK'S PAINTS and VARNISHES.
HOLZAPFEL'S PATENT COMPOSITION, ANTI-CORROSIVE and ANTI-FOULING, for STEEL VESSELS.
SOAPSTONE ENAMEL COMPOSITIONS for HOLDS, BUNKERS and TOP-SIDES.
FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1896. [273

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG, A. B. C. Code.
TELEPHONE, No. 35.

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For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [28

THE
CLUB HOTEL,
5, *BUND, YOKOHAMA.*

HOTEL METROPOLE,
1, *TSUKIJI, TOKYO.*

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT Experienced English matron in attendance.

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VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

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THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA. | L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO. [160

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING the CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING the CONTRACT of LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby giving greatly increased Security to the Holders of the Company's Policies.

For full Particulars and Rates,
Apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [464

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£4,000,000
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [59

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First-Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [247

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO $833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895 [42

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at NOON on FRIDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [465

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on FRIDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [466

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 28th March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1895, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [462

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Crystallised Fruits, Burnt Almonds,
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Vanilla Cremes, Honey Cremes, Caramels,
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"TANSAN," the New Japanese Table-Water which contains 8 per cent. more iron carbonate than that from any other Chalybeate Spring.

FLETCHER & Co.,
"THE PHARMACY,"
13, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1895. [48

To-day's Advertisements.

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THE

WILLARD OPERA COMPANY

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BOX PLAN at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ld.

SEASON TICKETS admitting to the Series of Twelve Performances $25 ONLY; NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [548

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 92.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 30th day of March, 1896, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1896. [549

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1896, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Yau Ma Ti, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rt.	Upset price
	Kowloon Marine Lot		ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	No 39	Yau Ma Ti,	525	525	3Fo	380	199,500	1397	19,950

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SALTER'S CELEBRATED BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS.

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THE SPECIAL DEMON BAT.

CHEAP TENNIS BAT,

An Excellent Racquet in a variety of weights, made of Strong Black Gut, Double or Single Strung.

SINGLE STRUNG$4.50

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [6

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DWELLING HOUSES:—

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896 [7

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THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [545

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [551

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [552

To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PAKHOI,"

Captain Stott, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [531

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO, TIENTSIN AND NEWCHWANG.

THE Steamship

"KANSU,"

Captain Sommerville, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [503

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Steamship

"HUPEH,"

Captain Quall, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [537

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain W. Waddilove, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [550

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Captain Geo Ramsay, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [519

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"

C. de La Perrelle, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [546

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

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THE Company's Steamship

"TELENA,"

Captain T. G. Scott, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [471

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"

Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April.

For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896 [553

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"TUREO,"

Captain J. Moses, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 10th April.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1896. [547

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to RED SEA PORTS, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DOROTHEA RICKMERS,"

Captain Pape, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 17th April.

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BIRTHS.

At Peking, on the 15th instant, the wife of G. GUY HILLIER, of a daughter.

At Shanghai, on the 14th instant, the wife of W. B. WALTER, of the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., EDWARD HAMILTON, of Shanghai, to JULIA STARMER, of Nuneaton, England.

At All Saints' Church, Tientsin, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. Frank L. Norris, AUGUSTUS HENRY, eldest son of Augustus Victor Jaques, of London, to ANNIE GULB, only daughter of the late Cassim Fox, of Morebattle, Kelso, and step-daughter of John Moffat, Imperial Chinese Railways, Tientsin.

DEATHS.

At 5 Reidhaven Street, Banff, on 7th February, JOHN MATHIESON, late Chief Inspector of Police, Hongkong; aged 47 years.

At Shanghai, on the 10th inst., ALICE, the beloved daughter of G. A. WOODS, aged 4 years.

At Chefoo, on the 12th instant, CONSTANCE HARRIET, wife of A. W. Douthwaite, M.D.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1896.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

In reply to Mr. WHITEHEAD'S demand for the publication of all the reports and correspondence in connection with the proposed alterations in the constitution of the Sanitary Board, the Government has put into type and furnished to the press about a tenth part of the papers that must exist on the subject. The Chamber of Commerce letter of the 19th October, 1894, Dr. Ho KAI'S Memorandum of the 3rd November; Mr. BELILIOS'S letter of the 5th November; Mr. KESWICK'S letter of the 12th November and two minutes thereon by Messrs McCONACHIE and CHATER, are the only documents published, if we except an extract from the report of the Retrenchment Commission. The latter and the Chamber of Commerce letter have appeared before and are well-known to the public, but where are the reports from the Director of Public Works, from the Colonial Surgeon, from other official members of the Board; and where are the Colonial Secretary's Minutes and Memoranda and the Governor's despatches to the Colonial Office, and the replies thereto? During the fifteen months that have elapsed since Mr. KESWICK opened the trenches for the combined attack on the popular element in the Sanitary Board there has been time for several interchanges of opinion between Downing Street and Hongkong. What the members of Council want to see are the representations made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the local Government, by means of which the Minister has been induced to sanction the reduction in the number of the unofficial Members and the substitution of an official for an unofficial majority. Of course no one expects to see the semi-official communications of a confidential character exchanged between individual officials here and in London, which nevertheless have had a very considerable effect in producing the result intended. We hope that the members of the Legislative Council will not allow themselves to be put off with these few scraps of an extensive correspondence, and will, if they cannot get them otherwise, wire to the Secretary of State for an order for the rest of the reports and despatches to be laid upon the table.

Looking at the correspondence as published, we note the inverted order in which the few papers given are arranged. Mr. KESWICK'S letter of the 12th November, with the minutes annexed to it, comes first and then Mr. BELILIOS' letter and Dr. Ho KAI'S memorandum, the one of the 5th and the other of the 3rd November. There is no copy of the communication,—of whatever nature it was—by means of which the Government submitted the question of reorganisation for the consideration of Unofficial members, and which gave rise to Dr. Ho KAI'S very able memorandum and to Mr. BELILIOS' letter, and no means of judging when or under what circumstances the gentlemen consulted met together for debate. Presumably the meeting was prior to the date of the memorandum and letter. It does not, however, very much matter. We are concerned in the main with the letter and minutes, and the opinions expressed in them.

Mr. BELILIOS was of opinion that the Sanitary Board should be reconstituted and should consist of three official members only, and the presence of a couple of unofficial members who would be outvoted and powerless would only be a source of weakness, lessening the responsibility of the official members. So far Mr. BELILIOS was absolutely in the right and we hope he will give effect to his views after the new Ordinance has been rammed down the throats of the citizens, by refusing to elect, or be elected as an unofficial member. Mr. BELILIOS' opinion on the main question whether the Board stood in need of any alteration in its constitution is worthless, as he was so ignorant of what he was writing about that he did not know that the Sanitary Board as it then existed consisted of a majority of unofficial members with an official minority. He wrote—"We have already had experience in the working of the existing Board that the presence of unofficial members, *outvoted by officials and powerless for executive purposes*, has merely resulted in an overflow of debate and waste of valuable time." There was a great deal of useless debate and great loss of valuable time, but it was not because of the want of voting power on the part of the unofficials but for the reason that the Board as a whole had no Executive Powers, and because the official members (the Director of Public Works chiefly) did all in their power to nullify the decisions of the unofficial majority when there was any difference of opinion on any question. From Mr. EDE, Dr. CANTLIE, Mr. FRANCIS, there was a continued protest against official obstruction and a constant demand for executive powers and for officers, under the direct authority of the Board, to give effect to its decisions. So much for Mr. BELILIOS' assistance in resolving the question before the Government. It was worse than worthless. It was misleading.

Mr. KESWICK, in his letter of the 12th November addressed to Mr. CHATER as senior Unofficial Member of the Council, expresses the opinion that if the Government were, in any new arrangement, to have the appointment of the Health Officer and the Sanitary Engineer it would, by taking such appointments in its hands, assume the sole responsibility for the health of the Colony. Mr. KESWICK was quite right. If the Board was to be responsible it should have the selection and appointment of its own officials. If they were to be selected and appointed by the Government and to owe obedience to the Colonial Secretary and Governor, then the responsibility must rest on those who exercised the ultimate authority. Mr. KESWICK was also perfectly correct in his statement, later on, that as matters then were, there was no properly constituted sanitary authority, and that from its very nature it was impossible that the Board could adequately fulfil the functions expected of it. He never uttered truer words, but he failed to understand in what the defect consisted. It was not in the fact that there were six unofficial members and only four official on the Board, but in the fact that while it had most extensive, too extensive, legislative powers it had no executive officers and no executive power, and that the very persons who ought, in respect of their sanitary functions, to have been its officers and under its authority were absolutely independent of it and were members of the official minority. Over and over again the complaint was made at the Board meetings that the water supply, the main drainage, the shipping, the medical supervision of the inhabitants in health and disease were taken away from the Board and put under Departments absolutely independent of the Board and its officers. How often was it pointed out that its Sanitary Surveyor was a junior officer in the service of the Public Works Department, under obedience to the D.P.W. and not to the Board; that it had not at its disposal a doctor of any kind whom it could direct to visit a sick man or report on any particular subject? The Sanitary Superintendent himself was the servant of the Government and not of the Board. The alteration that was wanted was not the substitution of a Government Department, whether presided over by one head or by an official Board, but the change that Dr. Ho KAI demanded—enlarged powers and an increased staff for the existing Board. Not enlarged powers to make bye-laws, but enlarged powers to enforce them and proper officers to carry on the work, namely the control of the main sewers as well as of the private drains, control of the water supply, control of the arrangements for dealing with infectious disease afloat or ashore. With proper officers responsible to the Board and the full powers referred to above the old Sanitary Board would have done good work, as it had done in the past, in spite of its want of executive power, and in defiance of the jealousy and opposition of the rival departments—Medicine and Public Works—and there could be no question as to its responsibility. It was constituted by Ordinance and was responsible to the Courts of the Colony for all its actions and omissions. If it exceeded its powers it was liable to an injunction; if it refused to exercise them it was open to a mandamus. If it abused its functions any one injured could take action for damages. It was responsible for the acts of its officers in a way in which no officer of the Government can be made responsible. Neither the Director of Public Works nor the Colonial Surgeon nor any Government officer has any real responsibility in Hongkong. There is no means of compelling them to do their duty; no means of making them pay damages when they abuse their powers and position. Our contemporary the *Daily Press* was within the mark when it pointed out the other day that no government officer in Hongkong can be made responsible for his misdeeds unless they are of so very gross a kind that he becomes unfit for the public service and has to be dismissed.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

BRITISH TRADE IN JAPAN.

LONDON, March 20th.

Mr. Curzon, in reply to a question, said that the proposal to appoint a commercial *attaché* to the Legation at Tokio was premature.

THE TRANSIT PASS DIFFICULTY.

Mr. Curzon stated in the House of Commons that the British Government is making representations to China regarding the terminal tax on British goods in the southern provinces of the Empire, and for the strict observance of paragraph 29 (? paragraph 28) of the Anglo-Chinese Treaty of 1858.

[Article 28 of the Anglo-Chinese Treaty of 1858 reads as follows:—Whereas it was agreed in Article X. of the Treaty of Nanking that British imports, having paid the tariff duties, should be conveyed into the interior free of all further charges except a transit duty, the amount whereof was not to exceed a certain percentage on tariff value; and whereas no accurate information having been furnished of the amount of such duty, British merchants have constantly complained that charges are suddenly and arbitrarily imposed by the provincial authorities as transit duties upon produce on its way to the foreign markets, and on imports on their way into the interior, to the detriment of trade; it is agreed that within four months from the signing of this Treaty, at all ports now open to British trade, and within a similar period at all ports that may hereafter be opened, the authority appointed to superintend the collection of duties shall be obliged, upon application of the Consul, to declare the amount of duties leviable on produce between the place of production and the port of shipment, and upon imports between the Consular port in question and the inland market named by the Consul; and that a notification thereof shall be published in English and Chinese for general information. But it shall be at the option of any British subjects desiring to convey produce purchased inland to a port, or to convey imports from a port to an inland market, to clear his goods of all transit duties by payment of a single charge. The amount of this charge shall be leviable on exports at the first barrier they may have to pass, or on imports at the port at which they are landed; and on payment thereof a certificate shall be issued which shall exempt the goods from all further inland charges whatsoever. It is further agreed that the amount of this charge shall be calculated, as nearly as possible, at the rate of two-and-a-half per cent. *ad valorem*, and that it shall be fixed for each article at the conference to be held at Shanghai for the revision of the tariff. It is distinctly understood that the payment of transit dues, by commutation or otherwise, shall in no way affect the tariff duties on imports or on exports, which will continue to be levied separately *and in full*.

Art. 29 is as follows:—British merchant vessels, of more than one hundred and fifty tons burden shall be charged tonnage dues at the rate of four mace per ton; if of one hundred and fifty tons and under, they shall be charged at the rate of one mace per ton. Any vessel clearing from any of the open ports of China for any other of the open ports, or for Hongkong, shall be entitled, on application of the master, to a special certificate from the Customs, on exhibition of which she shall be exempted from all further payment of tonnage dues in any open port of China for a period four months, to be reckoned from the date of her port clearance.]

THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

Mr. Curzon, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that the Government is negotiating with the Chinese Government for ports of call and for ports open to trade where Consuls may reside on the West River.

(From Japanese Papers.)

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE AND THE SHIPPING TRADE.

TOKIO, March 7th.

The Home Department will shortly re-issue the regulations for the inspection of vessels arriving from Hongkong, in consequence of the prevalence of plague there. Already after consultation with the various Consuls in Yokohama the Governor of the prefecture has ordered an inspection of the vessels on his own initiative.

M. WAEBER AND M. SPEYER.

TOKIO, March 9th.

It is reported as probable that M. Waeber will remain in Seoul for some time, notwithstanding his nominal supercession by M. Speyer, now acting as *Chargé d'Affaires* in Tokio. The King is said to place no reliance on anyone but M. Waeber.

FIGHTING IN KOREA.

FUSAN, March 7th.

Captain Tanaka reports from Chungju that the rioters retreated after the last encounter, leaving more than 30 dead behind them, besides provisions and a quantity of gunpowder and spears. Nine Japanese soldiers were wounded.

LEGATION GUARDS IN SEOUL.

BAKAN, March 7th.

According to a report brought by a passenger of the *Tsuruga-maru*, there are about 140 marines in the Russian Legation at Seoul, where the King and his Ministers remain. The Russian marines are forbidden to leave the precincts of the Legation. The other Legations have about 20 marines each as a guard, who are also forbidden to leave their quarters.

DUTY ON SILK IN FRANCE.

LYONS, March 7th.

The Japanese Consul at Lyons wires:—Silk fabrics imported from Japan to France will, after May 1st this year, pay a duty of 6 francs per kilogram.

THE PROPOSED COTTON FACTORY AT SHANGHAI.

TOKIO, March 10th.

The shareholders of the Cotton-spinning Company who are to build a factory at Shanghai, have decided to postpone the project until the Commercial Treaty between Japan and China has been ratified.

SURVEYS IN FORMOSA.

TOKIO, March 10th.

The Imperial Assent has been given to the expenditure of 10,000 *yen* for the purpose of making surveys in Formosa, as a commencement of the reconstruction of Kelung Harbour, and the making of a railway between Taiwan and Taipeh.

JAPAN AND THE FRENCH EXHIBITION.

TOKIO, March 10th.

A vote of 800 000 *yen* is to be asked from the Diet to enable the country to be duly represented by exhibits at the International Exhibition to be held at Paris in 1900.

AN INGENIOUS EXPLANATION.

TOKIO, March 11th.

It is believed in Government circles that the alleged Secret Treaty between Russia and China, recently published, is without foundation, though it is probable that Russia has secured concessions from China with respect to the anchoring of her warships at Port Arthur and the construction of a railway across the northern part of Manchuria. [There, it will be seen, are the main items of the Treaty.] It is surmised that the object of the publication of this alleged Treaty in an English journal is to induce Great Britain to take a more active part in Oriental questions.

OF COURSE!

LONDON, March 12th.

The U.S. Congress has apparently dropped the discussion of the resolution pledging the United States to interfere in the war in Cuba.

RUSSIAN TROOPS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, March 12th.

The *Times* correspondent at Odessa states that although Russia already has 50,000 soldiers in the Orient, more are being dispatched thither.

CHINA'S NEW LOAN.

TOKIO, March 12th.

A Peking telegram of yesterday's date states that the contract for the new China loan of £16,000,000 was signed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

TOKIO, March 13th.

The *Yiji Shimpo* states in a telegram published to-day that all the negotiations concerning the floating of a loan by the Anglo-German Syndicate have been settled, the contract being signed at Peking on the 11th inst. The amount of the loan is £16,000,000, making about 144,000,000 yen in silver, the interest being fixed at 5 per cent.

The Yokohama Specie Bank has received a telegram from London also announcing the completion of the loan, and reporting that in consequence exchange is rising.

THE DISPOSAL OF THE WAR INDEMNITY MONEY.

TOKIO, March 12th.

It has been decided to withdraw the sum of £1,500,000 from the Indemnity money now deposited in the Bank of England, to be expended in Japan.

THE ANARCHY IN KOREA.

TOKIO, March 13th.

News has been received here that about 700 rioters have gathered at Che-chhou, while at An-song the insurgents are 10,000 strong and consider themselves powerful enough to resist the Bodyguard troops if these should be sent against them.

A telegram from Gensan received by the authorities reports that the rioters are still in force in the vicinity of the port, but no attack has yet been made.

The rioters who killed a Japanese at Hamheung have declared that they will kill every man of the Yellow Race who wears his hair short, whether Korean or Japanese.

The cruiser *Takao-kan* has left Shinagawa Bay under orders to protect the Japanese residents at Gensan (Yuensan).

HIROSHIMA, March 13th.

The Japanese Consul at Chemulpo, it is reported, has decided on sending steamers up the rivers to bring back to the Settlement his nationals who are now in the interior.

Many Chinese merchants are reported to have arrived at Ping-yang.

MARQUIS YAMAGATA.

TOKIO, March 13th.

It is understood that a change has been made in the arrangements connected with Marquis Yamagata's mission to Russia, and that he and his suite will leave by the O. & O. steamer *Coptic*.

THE CHINA-JAPAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.

TOKIO, March 13th.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to China, on the 11th inst. held the eighth conference with the plenipotentiary who is negotiating the Commercial Treaty in the absence of Li Hung-chang.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"T. ATKINS": Certainly. Your letter will appear in our next issue.

LI HUNG-CHANG leaves Shanghai on his mission to Russia by the French mail on the 28th inst.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* understands that Mr. A. Michie has gone to Johannesburg as the representative of *The Times*.

ON the 13th inst. fire broke out in the office occupied by Mr. Greppi in Kobe, and damage to the extent of over $12,000 dollars was done.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 22nd, are:—Europeans, 225; Chinese, 2,098; total 2323.

SEVEN cases of plague were reported between noon Saturday and noon yesterday, and during the 24 hours ending noon to-day only two fresh cases.

THERE was a lively ten-mile bicycle race in Yokohama on the 7th inst., nine competitors acing the starter. After many mishaps Mr. Bain won in 32min. 54secs.

THE man acquitted at the Sessions last Saturday turned up at the Central Station this morning and demanded the $1,400 found on his person when he was run in. It was, of course, anted-up as per usual.

THE Shanghai police recently captured two out of a gang of four Chinese who have been engaged for some time past in setting fire to houses rented by them for the sake of the insurance. These miscreants are now awaiting trial.

THE epidemic of rinderpest is reported by the *Kobe Chronicle* to have been effectually eradicated in the neighbourhood of Kobe. It would be interesting to know just what steps the Japanese sanitary authorities took to eradicate this very infectious disease.

NO less than 123 fees have been paid at this, the Hongkong, Centre for the next series of Oxford Senior and Junior Local Exams. The majority of the competitors are studying at the schools in this city, but a few of them are are receiving their education at the Kowloon School.

THE annual general meeting of the Shanghai Waterworks Company was held at the Shanghai Club on the 19th instant, Mr. A. McLeod presiding. The report and accounts were adopted, and a resolution was carried increasing the Directors' remuneration from Tls. 1,500 to Tls. 2,500 per annum.

SIR N. J. HANNEN, H.B.M. Consul General and Chief Justice, Shanghai, Mr. Jamieson, H.B.M. Acting-Consul General, Mr. Scott, H.B.M. Vice-Consul and Assessor at the Mixed Court, together with Captain Winslow, Commander of H.M.S. *Spartan*, paid an official visit to Li Hung-chang on the 17th instant.

AT the first meeting, on the 16th instant, of the Shanghai Municipal Council for the current year, Mr. J. L. Scott was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr. David Brand, Vice-Chairman. The following Committees were also appointed: Works Committee:—Messrs J. L. Scott, D. M. Moses, and T. Cooper; Watch Committee:—Messrs W. D. Little, A. P. MacEwen, and C. Beurmann; Finance and Assessment Appeal Committee:—Messrs J. H. McMichael, J. S. Fearon, and David Brand.

IT is reported that Mr. Justice Wise, Puisne Judge, will shortly go home on well earned leave, and that Mr. T. Sercombe Smith will probably be appointed to the Acting Judgeship during Mr. Justice Wise's absence. Commander Hastings will replace Mr. Sercombe Smith on the bench at the Magistracy and Captain Lethbridge, who returned from leave by the M. M. steamer *Yarra* on Saturday, will act as Captain Superintendent of Police as well as in the substantive office of Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

HSU Chen-yi, the Governor-elect of Kwangtung, was, according to the *North China Daily News* of the 19th instant, expected to arrive at Shanghai from Tientsin *en route* to his new post in a few days. His Excellency is about seventy years of age and reported to be quite vigorous in spite of his three-score years and ten. It is, says the Shanghai paper, needless to say that H.E.'s appointment to Kwangtung is very popular with all classes in that much bandit-ridden province, as it is anticipated that he will commence measures to suppress brigandage as soon as he is firmly seated in his new yamên.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* is informed that Li Hung-chang will travel by the French Mail-boat as far as Alexandria, where a Russian man-of-war will be in readiness to convey him by the shortest route to Moscow. Gentlemen connected with the Chinese Customs will be told off to accompany Li in the different countries of Europe, as well as the United States. As far as the *Mercury* can gather Mr. Detring will attend to His Excellency whilst in Germany, Mr. Hobson or Mr. James Hart in England; M. de Bernier in France; Herr von Gutschmid in Russia, and Mr. Drew in America.

IN his *résumé* of the share business done in Shanghai during the week ending 13th instant Mr. John A. Sullivan wrote:—The great excitement of the week has been the official announcement that a loan of £16,000,000 on a gold basis, at 5 per cent., has been negotiated by the Hongkong and Shanghai and the German Banks. The issue is settled at 94 and no doubt is entertained that the loan will be easily floated in London and on the Continent at 100. In other stocks, all of which have been dealt in, an improvement in quotations has to be noted and a fair business has been done.

FOUR more head of cattle were destroyed on Saturday and "buried at sea" yesterday. The third day they will, likely enough, rise again! There have been no fresh cases since Thursday last.

THE *China Gazette* reports that Chang Chih-tung, though he found Tls. 3,000,000 in the Provincial Treasury at Nanking on taking charge, has left a deficit of Tls. 7,000,000 which his successor will have to work off. Chang, not relishing an interview with Liu under these circumstances, cleared out of Nanking without meeting his successor.

IT is reported by the *Shanghai Mercury* that Mr. A. E. Hippisley has received instructions to hand over charge of the Customs in Shanghai to Mr. L. Rocher. Our contemporary also states that Mr. A. E. Hippisley will accompany Li Hung-chang to Russia. We are not surprised to hear that Sir Robert Hart has selected Mr. Rocher for the highly responsible post of Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, for he will unquestionably be the right man in the right place, and a more suitable incumbent for the post it would be difficult to find.

THE foreign Ministers at Peking paid their Chinese New Year congratulations to His Imperial Majesty Kwang Hsü at the Wenhua Thione-hall on the 3rd instant. The following were present at the Audience—Colonel Denby, U.S. Minister; Mr. Beauclerk, British *Chargé d'Affaires*; Count Cassini, Baron Schenck, M. Gérard, Ministers for Russia, Germany, and France respectively, and the Ministers for Japan, Spain, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands, with their respective Secretaries of Legation. On the 5th instant the Ministers were entertained at a banquet held at the Tsungli Yamên, on which occasion gifts from His Majesty were presented to the guests by His Highness Prince Kung.

THUS the Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*:—Li visited Prince Kung a few days ago to say *adieu* and during the course of his interview I am told that he endeavoured to impress His Highness with the actual and utterly hopeless state of the Empire, exhorting him to put his shoulder to the wheel to save China. The Prince acquiesced with Li, and viewed the case as next to hopeless, but excused himself upon grounds of ill-health from attending actively to State affairs. He likes not the early morning Palace parade! Li, with all his faults, is China's only man, and it is sincerely to be hoped that he may weather the stormy expanse of ocean over which he must travel, and finish up his career by doing some good for his country.

THE fourth anniversary of the opening of the Klub-Eintracht was celebrated in the spacious and commodious Club Rooms (Duddell Street) a couple of days ago. The entertainment was opened by the President, Mr. Sharfwinkel, in a lengthy speech, in which he reviewed the rise and progress of the Club since 1892. His speech was followed by an excellent concert that had been carefully arranged by the able and indefatigable Secretary. The German Navy was represented by the Warrent Officers of the *Princess Wilhelm*, supplemented by the excellent Volunteer Band of the same ship, under the able leadership of Bandmaster Thorman, who contributed much towards the pleasure of the evening, especially in the rendering of the new and fascinating waltz "Gigerl Koenigin." Messrs Krause and Thommsen gave several exhibitions of their ability and versatility as unique comedians and caused thereby roars of laughter. Mr. Kuhnert (steamer *Triumph*) Mr. Bahr (steamer *Jacob Diedrichsen*), together with Captain Binsen and Mr. "Alligator" Smith, deserve special mention for the flow of mirth that characterised the whole of the proceedings. Mention might be made at length of the many other contributors did space permit of it to-day, but that being out of the question our remarks may be closed by giving the greatest credit to Mr. Hahn and his four accomplished daughters, who rendered on the piano during the evening several selections from the leading German composers. The arrangements for the comfort of the guests were of the highest order and everything was carried out in a highly creditable manner. This Club fills a long-felt want, and it is therefore with pleasure that we are able to refer to its success and continued prosperity. It has doubtless a long career of usefulness before it.

MEMORANDA.

MONDAY,—23rd March.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at the City Hall.

TUESDAY,—24th March.
Indian, Canadian and American Mails Due.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at the City Hall.

WEDNESDAY,—25th March.
10 a.m.—Criminal Sessions.
9 p.m.—Extraordinary meeting of City Club, to confirm resolution passed on the 12th inst.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at the City Hall.

THURSDAY,—26th March.
11 a.m.—English Mail closes.
Noon.—*Rosetta* leaves for London.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at the City Hall.
9.15 p.m.—Hongkong Philarmonic Society's concert at St. George's Hall (City Hall).

FRIDAY,—27th March.
Noon.—Meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office, Pedder's Street.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' office, Pedder's Street.
9 p.m.—Engineers' Dance in the City Hall.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at Theatre Royal.

SATURDAY,—28th March.
Li Hung-chang leaves Shanghai, on his mission to Russia, by the French Mail liner due here on the 31st instant.
Noon.—Meeting of shareholders of the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central.
9.10 p.m.—Willard Opera Co.'s performance at the City Hall.

THE Tientsin Union Club, better known as the German Club, and the ground on which it stands have been sold. It is to be converted into a branch of the Russo-Chinese bank and, according to a correspondent of the *Mercury*, a new Union Club will be built at the back of the Globe Hotel, close to the English Club.

FROM Peking our Shanghai morning contemporary learns that his Majesty the Emperor Kuang Hsu, otherwise the "Son of Heaven," having signified his pleasure to move to Eho Park early next May, the officials connected with the Court and various Boards who have to attend daily upon this misguided youth have been recently very active in renting houses in the neighbourhood of the Park precincts for the ensuing summer in order to be near his Majesty. Eho Park Palace is about ten miles outside Peking and hitherto the favourite residence of the Empress-Dowager; but the old lady favours the Southern Lake Palace in which the Emperor usually passes the summer months just now.

LAST Saturday evening that "terror to evil-doers," crack rifle-shot, smart detective, and good all-round man at "pilice pidein," Inspector Quincey, gave a swell dinner *à la Chinoise* to scores of friends in a restaurant, the occasion therefor being the fact of William having become a real live grandpa. The dinner was good, the wine better, and champagne the best in the city. After dinner the grand-child was carried round for the guests to look at. It is a fine little chap, roars like a bull, kicks like a Mexican mule and is *just* like his pa. The hippy, happy father and the jolly old grand-papa were of course very heartily congratulated, and the health of son and heir, the pa and the grand-pa was drunk with musical honours.

THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY opened for a brief season in the Theatre Royal last Saturday in "Fun On the Bristol" With Messrs. Sheridan, Schubert, James, Courtenay and Monroe, in the leading parts and supported, as they were, by Misses Gracie Whitford, Vera Patey, and Mountcastle, and by Mr. Pemberton Willard it goes without the saying that the performance went along without a hitch from start to finish, that the staging and singing was of a very high order, that encores were constantly demanded, and that the audience was fevered and anon sent into fits of laughter. This talented company of *artistes*, all masters in their respective lines, will repeat "Fun on the Bristol" to-night, so it would hardly be fair to indulge in a detailed criticism of the performance in this issue. Suffice is to say, then, that those who were not able to get to the Theatre last Saturday missed a genuine treat, that on their merits the Willards should do good business here, and that they are able, and doubtless will, give the Far Eastern communities more real fun and genuine pleasure than any other company that has yet "toured" the Gorgeous East. We confidently predict a very successful tour for Mr. Willard and his bonnie company.

JUBILEE OF ZETLAND LODGE.

On the 17th of February the various Masonic bodies of the Colony gave a grand ball in the City Hall to commemorate the fiftieth year of the foundation of a Lodge in Hongkong and South China, this, from the history of the Society, being closely connected with "Zetland," the first Lodge opened in Hongkong. As was stated in these columns at the time, the Charter of Zetland Lodge was dated March 21st 1846, and so from this time dates the history of the Lodge. Though the Jubilee of Masonry in South China had been publicy celebrated with a ball, it was considered as only appropriate that there should be held within the precincts of the Masonic Hall a ceremony specially suited to the occasion. This decision resulted on Saturday in a banquet in the Masonic Hall, an extraordinary meeting of the Lodge, and a very enjoyable social evening in the banqueting hall after the meeting of the Lodge. By 7.30 a large number of members of the lodge and their friends were assembled in the hall, Wor. Bro. W. M. B. Arthur, one of the Senior Past Masters, occupying the chair in the absence of R. Wor. D. G. M. Hon. C. P. Charter, who, to the deep regret of all present, was unable to attend owing to serious indisposition. Wor. Bro. Arthur was supported by Wor. Bro. Macdonald, Master of Zetland Lodge, as vice-Chairman, Wor. Bros. Mallory and Death occupying the posts of Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. Bro. Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., was present, and both at the banquet and in the Lodge sat at the right of the presiding officer.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were proposed, Wor. Bro. Sir William Robinson proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to Zetland Lodge," in a witty speech which was received with loud and prolonged applause, and was most heartily responded to. At the conclusion of the toast list the brethren entered the Lodge, which was officered as follows:—Master, Wor. Bro. W. M. B. Arthur; I.P.M., Wor. Bro. L. Mallory; S.W., Wor. Bro. R. Cooke; J. W., Wor. Bro. A. D. Death; Chaplain, Bro. S. St. A. Bayles, D.G. Chaplain; Treasurer, Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. C. Cox; S.D., Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; J.D., Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell; Organist, Bro G. P. Lammert; D.C., Bro. J. Lockhead; I.G., Wor. Bro. D. Macdonald; Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell.

During the ceremonies in the lodge, the Wor. Master read a sketch of the history of Zetland Lodge and of the Craft in Hongkong (which we are obliged to hold over till to-morrow) which he stated had been prepared by Wor. Bro. G. C. Cox and Bro. Dyer Ball, prefacing it with an explanation of the form taken by the celebration.

During the business of the lodge Bro. Sir William Robinson was unanimously elected an honorary member of Zetland Lodge, and the usual congratulations from sister lodges were conveyed to the Wor. Master, after which the lodge was duly closed.

The banquet and lodge ceremonies over, the brethren re-assembled in the banqueting hall, where several additional toasts were proposed, after which an impromptu concert was arranged, songs being given by Brothers Crispin, Spriggs, Gilchrist, Thomas, and others, Bro. G. P. Lammert presiding at the piano. The proceedings were brought to a very harmonious and thoroughly appropriate conclusion by the company joining in singing "Auld Lang Syne" under the leadership of Wor. Bro. Aitken.

THE TRANSIT PASS DIFFICULTY.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt for publication, late this afternoon, of a summary of the proceedings at the last two meetings of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, together with copies of the correspondence therein referred to. Among the papers, which we shall publish to-morrow, are copies of the correspondence relating to the illegal manner in which the officials at Wuchowfu, backed up by the Viceroy of Canton, have prevented Mr. John Andrew from disposing of his goods at Wuchow. From this correspondence we take the following:—

(Telegram to Lord Salisbury from Chamber of Commerce.)

"Marquess Salisbury, London. Sale goods British merchant Andrew obstructed Wuchow-fu, West River. Chamber Commerce earnestly submits case merits vigorous action. Letter follows. McConachie, Chairman."

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX
H.B.M. Legation.
PEKING, 16th February, 1896.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd January respecting the interference of the Chinese authorities with the sale of British goods conveyed to Wuchowfu under transit pass.

The question has formed the subject of correspondence and frequent discussion between myself and the Tsung-li Yamên, and on the 12th instant I received a written assurance that the Viceroy at Canton would be instructed to have a proclamation issued at Wuchowfu, clearly explaining to the people that they are at perfect liberty to purchase transit pass goods.

I have telegraphed this information to Her Majesty's Consul at Canton, and await his report of the result before taking further action in the matter.

As to the opening of the West River, to which you allude in the concluding paragraph of your letter, I beg to assure you that the question continues to receive the closest attention.—I am, &c.,

W. BEAUCLERK.

A. MCCONACHIE, Esq.,
Hongkong.

SHOCKING FATALITY AT NAGASAKI.

NAGASAKI, March 16th.

On Wednesday night, 11th inst., at Nagasaki, Captain Franz Meyer, of the steamship *Chow Chow Foo*, met with a terrible accident while returning to his ship. He left the residence of Mr. C. E. Boeddinghaus, No. 7, Deshima, at about 9.30 p.m. and was shortly afterwards picked up by a *jinrikisha* coolie and a *sendo*, who found him lying in the water at the foot of the Deshima Hatoba steps, with his skull badly fractured. He was carried to a saloon known as the "Flag of all Nations," at No. 11 Nagasaki, where the proprietor and his wife did all that lay in their power for the unfortunate sufferer, who was a total stranger to them. Early the following morning the German Consulate was communicated with, and Dr. Paul immediately sent for, Captain Meyer being shortly afterwards taken to the latter's residence in order to secure proper attention, where he, according to latest intelligence, still lies in an unconscious state. We understand that a consultation was held on the 13th. How the accident really happened no one can tell at present, but it is surmised that the unfortunate man slipped upon the steps, which are ill-lighted and somewhat dangerous at night-time. No suspicion of foul play can be entertained, as the injured man's watch and a considerable sum of money were upon his person when he was brought to the saloon. The gentleman with whom he had been spending the evening states that he drank nothing but tea while in his house, and it appears to have been just an accident. The sad affair cast quite a gloom over the foreign community of this port, by whom Captain Meyer is well known and thoroughly respected, and every one is anxiously awaiting favourable news of the unfortunate man's condition.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN MEYER.

We deeply regret to state that Captain Meyer succumbed to the injuries received, expiring at about 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, 14th. He never recovered consciousness. For the past 45 years he had been in command of vessels and had been in nearly every quarter of the globe, although he had spent the last quarter of a century in vessels trading in the Far East. He was for many years in the employ of the Mitsui-Bussan Kaisha and latterly in several Korean vessels, having been in command of the first government steamer that flew the Korean flag, the *Hy-tiyong*. During the whole of his command at sea he had never experienced a serious disaster until the stranding of the *Chow Chow Foo*, in October last. Since then business troubles in connection with the accident had somewhat preyed upon his mind, and it was, doubtless, during a fit of mental abstraction that the unfortunate accident, which ended in his death, occurred. Deceased had been for many years a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was extremely popular with all he came in contact with. We learn that he leaves a widow and grown up family at home to mourn his loss.—*Rising Sun.*

KOREA.

(From our Correspondent).

CHEMULPO, March 11th.

Since my last nothing remarkable has happened in this land of bloodshed and intrigues. The King is still in the Russian Legation and has absolutely a free hand in the ruling of this nation. He has in a short time made such awful blunders that it is plainly to be seen that he is acting without knowledge, and more like a child without will or thought. Everything he has done is like the wind. Something suddenly comes into his mind and he acts on a sudden impulse, without reasoning in his mind about the future. In fact almost everything he does plainly indicates that he is not able to rule Korea. This being the case dissatisfaction reigns supreme. Matters have come to such a pass now that nothing but a strong hand and a resolute mind will save either king or country. Only when Korea gets a "strong man" will she prosper.

THE REBELS.

The country, both South and East, is in open rebellion, and the rebels are within a short distance of the gates of the capital. Quiet reigns in the North only. Korean troops are being defeated, and it seems impossible to tell what is the real object of the rebels. But by what I can gather the trouble is caused by hatred towards the Japanese. However, the rebels hold back from entering the city to attack the Japanese, being, perhaps, better informed about their forces and numbers than the Europeans. A number of Japanese have been killed in the country, and even the Japanese troops—200 cavalry and 200 infantry—crossing from Wonsan were not able to enter the city but had to retreat back to Wonsan. The telegraph lines between Soul and Fusan have been cut and the Japanese are unable to repair them, as the rebels drive them away as soon as they make their appearance, although guarded by Japanese soldiers.

THE CHANGEABLE KING.

The Cabinet since the King has taken up his quarters at the Russian Legation has been changed several times. The fact is that many of the officials cannot rely on the King's actions for they are so changeable, and others are disgusted at his doings. One day His Majesty will order all political prisoners to be released and the next day he will arrest them afresh and others as well. Only a short time ago an order of arrest was issued for the Governor of Seoul and 125 others. Only the Governor and fifteen others were arrested and the remainder left alone, but now through the advice of certain parties, proper trials are instituted, watched by Mr. Greathouse, the legal adviser of the King, to see that justice is done. Several have already been released. Such is the present state of affairs in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

THE JAPANESE.

But what are the Japanese doing all the time? They have not gone to sleep, I assure you. Transports are constantly coming and going. Arms, ammunition and military stores are being smuggled into Korea, and even soldiers are being smuggled in too, and sent on to Seoul in the garb of transport coolies and mechanics, and if all the information I have been able to glean is true, and I believe it is, there must be now in Seoul some 2,000 Japanese troops, besides a number of newly arrived policemen. On Namsan, a mountain close to the quarters where the Japanese have established themselves, and where the Japanese Legation is, batteries are planted and no Koreans are allowed to approach it. Nearly all Seoul is asking by what right Japan prohibits Koreans from going where they choose in Korea, and by what right Japanese place batteries on Korean soil? Many thought that the conclusion of the war between Japan and China would finish all trouble here. But, *mark my words*, the beginning of the end has not come yet, and what that will be we must wait and see!—*Mercury.*

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:
Indian (*Kutsang*) overdue
Indian and Straits (*Canton*) to-morrow.
Canadian } (*Empress of China*) to-morrow:
American }
Indian (*Catherine Apcar*) 28th inst.
French (*Saghalien*) 28th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 30th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 30th inst.
American (*Doric*) 31st inst.
American (*China*) 9th prox.

THE silk *ex* steamship *Empress of India* was delivered in New York on the 20th inst.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's chartered steamer *Osborne* left Bombay for Tuticorin and this port on the 18th inst.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Mikki Maru*, from Bombay, *via* way-ports, is expected here on or about the 27th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 2 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 2 a.m. to-day for Nagasaki.

THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Catherine Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 21st inst.

THE M. M. steamer *Saghalien*, with the French mail of the 28th February, left Singapore for this port at 10 p.m. on the 21st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 28th.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Doric*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 5th inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, *via* Nagasaki, to-morrow morning.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* arrived at Yokohama on the 21st inst., and left for this port, *via* her usual ports of call, on the 22nd.

SHIPPING RETURNS.
From 5 p.m. Saturday, to 5 p.m. to-day.
ARRIVALS.

Boynton	steamer,	from	Kutchinotzu.
Queen Elizabeth	"	"	Yokohama.
Wing Hong	"	"	Swatow.
Klangpak	"	"	Canton.
Lyeemoon	"	"	Shanghai.
Kwangtze	"	"	Shanghai.
Hupeh	"	"	Amoy.
Pakhoi	"	"	Canton.
Kansu	"	"	Canton.
Kongaly	"	"	Touron.
Choysang	"	"	Shanghai.
Utrecht	"	"	Sourabaya.
Tsinan	"	"	Mejl.

Aggregating 16,910 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Decima	steamer,	for	Saigon.
Peshawur	"	"	Shanghai.
Cassius	"	"	Yokohama.
Ghasse	"	"	Singapore.
Thales	"	"	Coast Ports.
Fraja	"	"	Holhow.
Taichlow	"	"	Bangkok.
Loosok	"	"	Holhow.
Yarra	"	"	Shanghai.
Anjer Head	"	"	Swatow.
Choysang	"	"	Canton.
Lyeemoon	"	"	Canton.
Kwangtze	"	"	Canton.
Otto	"	"	Shanghai.
Honghong	"	"	Haiphong.
C. Hock Klang	"	"	Amoy.

Aggregating 10,777 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

General Alava		in	Kowloon Dock.
Tattle	"	"	"
Princess Wilhelm	"	"	"
Honam	"	"	"
Rhostna	"	"	"
Swift (H.M.S.)	"	"	"
Stahan	"	"	"
Changsha	"	Cosmopolitan	"

SHOCKING SUICIDE ON BOARD THE "TUNGSHA" LIGHTSHIP.

SHANGHAI, March 17th.

Captain Windhorst, of the *Tungsha* lightship, which is at present at anchor opposite Boyd's Dock, committed suicide last night by shooting himself with a Snyder rifle through the head. An inquest was held on board this morning, and the funeral took place in the afternoon. The deceased was a German, and has been employed in the Chinese Customs for some time.—*China Gazette.*

The *Japan Gazette* comments *in re* the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Japan-European line of steamers as follows:—When the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was proposing to open its service to Europe subsequent to the war, says the *Yorozu*, foreign shipping firms were not slow in making preparations against this new competitor. Now that it has been decided to despatch the *Tosa Maru*, the English and French mail companies are showing a determined front to oppose the N.Y.K. and have reduced their freight from 30 or 37 shillings a ton to 25 shillings, likely to be reduced further even to 20 shillings. This had been expected by the N.Y.K. and is not to be wondered at. But the companies being the two great firms who have monopolised the Japan-European service for many years, the Japanese would do well to sacrifice their small temporary interest and support the cause of the Japanese firm, so as to hold the monopoly in their own hands. If the new enterprise fails, it will be not only a loss to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, but also a great disgrace to the empire of Japan.

LETTERS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS.

It is stated in the *Government Gazette* of the 21st instant that letters and papers are lying at the Post Office addressed to the following vessels:—

Address.	Letters.	Papers.
Anna Woermann	1	—
A. Apcar & Co.	1	—
Azamor & Co.	1	—
Ainala & Co.	1	—
Aprichia & Co.	1	—
Armagora & Co.	1	—
Blakemere	1	—
Creedmore & Co.	—	1
Colorado	1	—
Coloma	1	—
Emily F. Whitney	1	—
Edensleigh	1	—
Giorgio Cittavecchia	1	—
G. F. Manson	1	—
Hong Kwong & Co.	1	—
Harland	1	—
Ivy	1	—
Inchdune & Co.	—	1
Kennebec	4	—
Kachidate Maru	1	—
Klangpak & Co.	1	—
Madub & Co.	1	—
North Coute	1	—
Nanchang & Co.	—	1 p
Penarth & Co.	1	—
S. Anna	1	—
Savona & Co.	—	1
Skutel & Co.	1	—
St. Paul	1	—
Shirley & Co.	2	—
Scottish Isles & Co.	—	1
Shantung & Co.	1	—
Troop	1	—
Tam O'Shanter	1	—
Utrecht & Co.	1	—
Velocity	1	—
W. H. Talbot	1	—

THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

[*Saturday, 21st March, 1896.*]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

No. 95—Gives notice that a memorial of re-entry of Inland Lot No. 522 has been registered.

No. 96—Notifies that the firm of Jan Man Hing Tong has registered certain trade-marks.

No. 97—His Excellency gives his assent, in the name of the Queen, to Ordinances No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of 1896.

No. 98—Contains the minutes of a meeting of the Sanitary Board held 10th March. Also minutes of Special Meetings held on March 11th and March 14th.

No. 99—Publishes the finding of the Court of Inquiry, *re* the second officer of the steamer *Chittagong*.

No. 100—A special meeting of Justices of the Peace is called for March 30th, to consider the transfer of the Grill Room adjunct license.

No. 101—Returns of deaths for February are published.

The *Gazette* also contains the usual list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Telegraph Co.'s offices; the Post Office list of *poste restante* correspondence, and list of letters, etc, for merchant vessels.

ODDS AND ENDS.

THE IVORY TRADE.

Antwerp is becoming a rival of London for the ivory trade of the world. A report from the British Consul-General at Antwerp shows the large extent to which ivory is brought to Belgium from the Congo. The ivory industry has of late sprung into new life at Antwerp.

KILAUEA VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

After thirteen months of quiescence an eruption of this volcano commenced on January 31st, the liquid lava rising the next day to the top of the wide shaft at the bottom of the pit and forming a burning lake 200 feet long by 150 feet wide. The upper rim of the pit is more than 450 feet higher, and the surface of the burning lake, should it reach the top, will then be much greater.

LOCOMOTIVE BUILDING.

All of the thirteen locomotive-building companies in the United States, except one, says the *Railroad Gazette*, turned out more locomotives in the past than in the previous year, the total number having been 1,109, as against 695 in 1894. The freight cars built in 1895 were 31,803, as compared with 17,029 in 1894.

TREASURE HOUSES IN NEW YORK.

"If the New York dry goods district should be destroyed to-night," said a business man to a representative of the *Sun*, "every great insurance company in the world would fail." Doubtless there is some exaggeration in such an opinion, but there are $900,000,000 worth of insurable goods in the comparatively small down-town area known as the dry goods district, to say nothing of buildings, furniture and fixtures. London and perhaps Paris are the only other cities in the world that equal New York as treasure houses of manufactured goods. A single wholesale and retail house in the fashionable shopping district of Broadway contains $11,000,000 worth of goods. Another house in Twenty-third Street contains $6,000,000 worth. There must be scores of business houses containing from $1,000,000 $5,000,000 worth of goods. The goods stored in three or four business districts would more than pay the national debt. The goods in the great clothing district run up into the hundreds of millions. The little jewelry district down-town is one of the richest urban areas in the world. Silverware, gold, and jewels valued at hundreds of millions are stored in the district centered about Union Square. The samples of a single hat house brought at auction in a recent year $70,000. Some of the most precious articles in proportion to bulk are stored in the drug and chemical and perfumery houses in the region south of Fulton Street and east of William. The book publishing district, now stringing itself along from Astor Place to Twenty-fifth Street, is stocked with many million dollars' worth of books. Single buildings with their contents and the land they occupy are worth more than the assessed value of many a rural county in New York State.

A LIGHTHOUSE AT CAPE HATTERAS.

Work on the Diamond Shoal lighthouse, off Cape Hatteras, is to be begun this spring. The new plans contemplate an immense structure, built on the screw pile plan, with the foundation of the light practically 100 feet beneath the wave surface and protected on all sides by hundreds of tons of riprap to prevent damage from shifting sands. Iron piles will be driven down by hydraulic pressure until a sound footing is secured, and the actual structure for light-keepers and materials to maintain the light will be built on the interior of the skeleton to a height of 165 feet above the water. The cost of the structure when completed is estimated at $1,200,000, and of this sum there is now available $400,000. Diamond Shoal projects into the sea seven miles off Hatteras, and is covered with from 6 to 20 feet of water. It is marked now only by Hatteras light, standing on shore seven miles from the outer edge, and not discernible in hazy or foggy weather. The proposed light will be on the extreme edge, seven miles from the nearest shore, and visible twenty-three nautical miles. The latest fog apparatus will be provided, and there will be accommodation for three keepers. It will probably take two years to complete the project from the date the work begins. When completed it will be the most notable lighthouse in the world.

Intimations.

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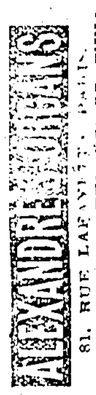
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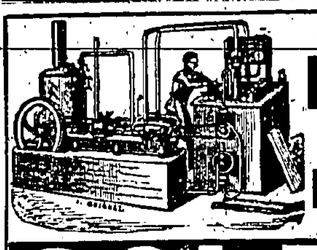
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J. Y. V. VERNON,
AGENT.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1896. [50



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This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [460

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STEAM FOR
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PORT SAID, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOSA MARU,"

will be despatched as above on or about the 30th instant.

To be followed by a Steamer leaving Japan monthly.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [479

JAVA, CHINA JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

(Subject to Alterations.)

JAVA, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AMOY, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAVA.....	March.
S.S. *Cassius*.....	To JAVA.....	April.
S.S. *Federation*...	To JAVA.....	May.
S.S. *Federation* ...	To JAPAN ...	April.
S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAPAN ...	May.
S.S. *Cassius*.....	To JAPAN ...	June.

General Agents for China & Japan,
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [391

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"

Captain Asquith, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1896. [478

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

JAVA, CHINA, JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA, VIA AMOY, SWATOW AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GERMANIA,"

Captain Bendixen, will be despatched from Hongkong for above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1896. [542

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENARTNEY,"

Captain Gedye, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1896 [507

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"BRODICK CASTLE,"

Ferguson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1895. [1692

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. L British Ship

"QUEEN ELIZABETH,"

Felton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [356

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Barque

"COLOMA."

Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [445

FOR NEW YORK.

THE *100 A1 American Iron Ship

"T. F. OAKES."

E. W. Reed, Master, shortly expected from the North, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1896. [423

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I.I. American Ship

"TAM O'SHANTER,"

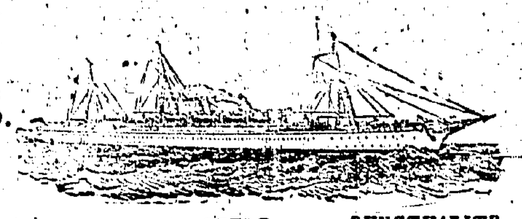
Peabody, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1896. [484

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 8th April.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 29th April.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 20th May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *viâ* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *viâ* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World); the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Line passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1896. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Wednesday, 8th April, at Noon.
Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Saturday, 25th April, at Noon.
Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Wednesday, 13th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1896, at Noon. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st March 1896. [2

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SANITARY SOFT SOAP. JEYES FLUID THE BEST DISINFECTANT. DISINFECTANT SOAPS.

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [9

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 31st March, at Noon.
China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 16th April, at Noon.
Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Sunday, 3rd May, at Daylight.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1896, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 3 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1896. [1

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STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA,"

Captain G. K. Wright, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 26th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Australia*, leaving that port on the 18th April for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
ALF. WOOLLEY,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1896. [431

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Preussen	Tuesday ...	31st March.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday ...	28th April.
Karlsruhe.....	Tuesday ...	26th May.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday ...	23rd June.
Preussen	Tuesday ...	21st July.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday ...	18th August.
Karlsruhe.....	Tuesday ...	15th Sept.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday ...	13th Nov.
Preussen	Tuesday ...	10th Nov.

ON TUESDAY, the 31st day of March 1896, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain D. Högemann, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 28th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 30th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 30th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1896. [447

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table, DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	April 7.
Victoria	2,167	Tuesday ...	May 5.
Hankow	3,594	Tuesday ...	June 2.

THE Steamship

"TACOMA,"

Captain R. Crawford, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 7th April, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1896. 4

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